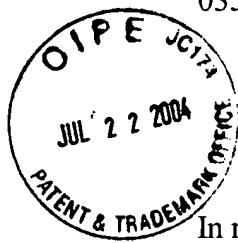


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TADAYOSHI MUTA) : Examiner: Eugene Lee
Application No.: 10/052,450) : Group Art Unit: 2815
Filed: January 23, 2002) :
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,)
PRODUCTION METHOD) :
THEREFOR, AND) :
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC) :
APPARATUS) : July 22, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 2, 2004. According to the Notice, the Amendment filed June 22, 2004, is non-compliant with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 because each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Amendment is in full compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Each claim has been provided with a proper status identifier. In this regard, use of the status identifier "(Currently Amended, Withdrawn)" is believed to be

proper. As set forth at the Federal Register, Vol. 68, No. 125, Monday, June 30, 2003, Rules and Regulations, p. 38617 (copy attached):

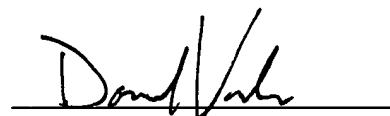
"Combining the status identifiers (withdrawn) and (currently amended) into a single status identification, *e.g.*, (withdrawn-currently amended), may be used in those situations where a claim has been previously withdrawn as non-elected but applicant wishes to amend the claim in an effort to rejoin the withdrawn (non-elected) claim with the elected invention."

Nevertheless, in an effort to expedite prosecution, a new listing of claims in which the status identifier "(Currently Amended, Withdrawn)" has been replaced with the identifier --(Withdrawn)-- is attached.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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